

# Youth Initiative Program

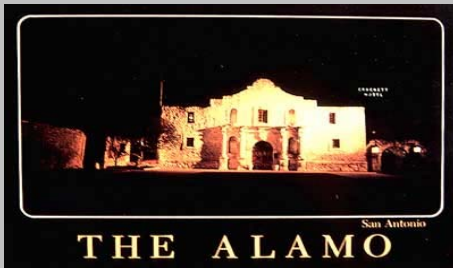
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## MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at the Alamo Conference Center.



The Alamo is located at 820 North Raynor, El Paso, Tx. Please make plans to attend. For information call the YIP office at (915) 298-9600.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

Child abuse can be prevented; outcry must be reported. April is designated as the month that reminds us we each have a part, awareness and prevention, to help keep our children safe from abuse.

### Together for Children

The El Paso Police Department is pleased to again be a participant in the "Together for Children" annual awareness campaign during the month of April. This campaign strives to inform and encourage active participation of child advocates in creating awareness that every child has the right for quality health, education and a safe environment for their social, emotional and physical well-being.

Chief R. Wiles, in support of this program, has authorized the display of large red, yellow, and blue bows at all of the Police Facilities as well as the display of the smaller ribbons to be attached to the antennas of the marked units. The campaign is sponsored by Together for Children, a coalition of El Paso child advocates. Contact: Cheryl Kelly, (915) 592-7056.



The El Paso Police Department/SOS coordinators Esther Mata and Araceli Salcedo, trained over 400 cafeteria managers and nutrition staff on March 23, 2005 at the Socorro Independent School District Spring In-service. The training consisted of crisis management planning procedures and practices. The outcome of the training was very positive. SOS thanks Ms. Laura Hernandez and Mr. Alfredo Ontiveros from Socorro Independent School District for inviting them. The SOS Coordinators also form part of the Socorro ISD Risk Management Team and assist the district with safety planning.



### Pope John Paul II

Roman Catholics and millions of people around the world paid their last respects to Karol Wojtyja, the Pope, who died on April 2, 2005, at the age of 84. Pope John Paul II laid in state and was then buried in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. He had led the Roman Catholic Church for 26 years.



### St. Patrick's Day at YIP

The March YIP meeting fell on St. Patrick's Day, and it was celebrated alongside community projects and networking, staples at the monthly meeting. Melissa Rodriguez (top, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right) received a plaque of appreciation from Sgt. Humberto Talamantes for her dedication and contribution to SHOCAP, Crimes Against Children section. She has taken a new position at the Federal Court House. Shawn Murphy (left), Center for Children STAR Program, brought enough green for all 75 in attendance to have plenty 'o luck!

**YIP Announces New Members:****Medical Transportation Program,  
Texas Dept. of Transportation,**

located at 4201 Hondo Pass, El Paso, TX 79924. Toll free: 1-877-633-8747. E-mail: [msaldan@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:msaldan@dot.state.tx.us); Fax (915) 759-9088.

This program provides free transportation to medical appointments for those who have current and eligible Medicaid benefits. Transportation is by the Sun Metro Bus system within City of El Paso or by van service if outside the bus system. Call toll-free 1-877-633-8747 with a 48-hr. notice of appointment time.

**El Paso Community College- Dual  
Credit Program,**

located at 919 Hunter, El Paso, TX 79915; (915) 831-2575; Fax (915) 831-2315. E-mail: [nitacn@epcc.edu](mailto:nitacn@epcc.edu); Website: [www.epcc.edu](http://www.epcc.edu). "The Best Place to Start": higher education courses for credit and non-credit; Dual Credit High School Program; GED & ESL classes to include Distance Learning courses (on-line ITV or audio-video conferencing). Financial aid is available/application process. Call and make an appointment.

**The Children's Miracle Network,  
Always Kids Miracle Hotline:**

(915) 532-KIDS (5437), provides medical and social referrals for children, birth to 21 years of age. The hotline is available 24 hrs per day/7 days per week and serves El Paso and surrounding areas. The service is free, information confidential; bilingual; no insurance required.

These agencies will be listed in the 2005 Helpline Directory. The Directory can be accessed at: [www.eppd.org](http://www.eppd.org); Youth & Education; Youth Initiative Program.



**Nell Tovar on the sewing machine**

**Northeast Community Fair**

A community fair for all Northeast residents, sponsored by Northeast Healthy Communities and the NERC, will be held on Sat., April 16, 2005, at the NE Police Command, 9600 Dyer, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Free beverage/snack refreshments, child fingerprinting, medical screenings- blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol checks & more! Call Ofc. Slade Davis, 759-2017, or NE Healthy Communities, 757-7835.

**Child Abuse Awareness and  
Crime Victims Rights**

**Monday, April 4-** Commissioner's Court at 9 a.m. : Resolut' Crime Victims Rights Week and Child Abuse Awareness Month.

**Tuesday, April 5** - City Council at 9:30 a.m. - same as above.

**Thursday, April 7** - Last Crime Victim Council Meeting 2:30 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, State Building, before the Walk (please see page 3).

**Iglesia Luterana Hosts Fair**

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey Church will sponsor their annual Health Ministries health fair on Sat., May 21, 2005, from 3-6 p.m. at 1010 E. Yandell. The Health Ministries grew out of an effort to recognize the various health needs of the poor in central El Paso. If your agency would like a booth (free), please contact: Pat Marruffo or Rey Moreno at (915) 532-0524. Set up time is 2:15 p.m.





### EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Date/Time: 03/21/05 – 04/08/05  
Location: #2 Civic Center Plaza  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Human Resources

EL PASO, TEXAS – The City of El Paso is currently accepting applications for Police Trainee and Certified Police Officer. All those interested in serving the El Paso Community as a law enforcement professional should file out an application. The application period will end Friday, April 8, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. Applications can be picked up at any regional command center through 04/08, on the web for out of town applicants, and at Human Resources on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at City Hall. Applications will be accepted for Police Trainee, Certified Police Trainee and Police Officer (Lateral Transfer). The Academy class for Certified Police Trainee and Police Officer is scheduled to begin in September 2005. The Academy class for Police Trainee is scheduled to begin in November 2005. For more information about the police department and recruiting requirements please view our web site at [www.eppd.org](http://www.eppd.org) or contact a police recruiter at (915) 562-4263 or 1-888-550-7174 or El Paso's Human Resources Department at (915) 541-4110.



### AMERICA CELEBRATES THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHT WEEK

"Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are"

Sunday, April 10, at 8:00 a.m. at Ascarate Park, the Crime Victims' Rights Council will hold it's fourth annual Crime Victims' Memorial Walk. Registration is free and there will be no entrance fee. T-shirts will be available for pre-registered entrants. Pre-registration ends Friday, March 25, 2005. Entry forms may be picked up at any regional command center and at headquarters. Schedule of events are as follows:

#### **Sunday, April 10, 2005**

Ascarate Park  
6900 Delta  
**8 a.m.**

#### **Schedule:**

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration / Tee Shirt Pick Up  
8 - 8:25 a.m. Entertainment  
8:30 - 9 a.m. Ceremony  
9 a.m. Walk Begins  
9:30 - 11 a.m. Refreshments / Games

**\*Please note that no one will be allowed into the park after the walk begins.**



**The Victim Services Response Team** gives priority to victims of crime. Volunteers advocate and deliver services such as immediate crisis intervention, guidance, death notification, education and referrals to local agencies. Victim Services volunteers are required to complete a total of 80 hours of training before they can become certified to assist victims. In addition, volunteers must pass a background check and to be able to volunteer at least four hours a month.

The 20<sup>th</sup> class for Victim Services Response Team volunteers is currently in its 4<sup>th</sup> week of training. There are thirty new volunteers attending the training along with a few VSRT veterans attending for refresher purposes. The volunteers have had training in Domestic Violence situations, Crime Scene, Protective Orders, Death Notification, and still have training scheduled for the following topics: Avoiding Vicarious Traumatization, Texas Crime Victims' Compensation, Stalking, Dispute Resolution, Values and Culture, Radio training, and a few other interesting topics.

Our Victims Services unit will be conducting the next VSRT Volunteer training session from June 28, 2005 to August 30, 2005, and our year-end class will be from September 20, 2005 to November 22, 2005. Classes are in the evening and are open to the public. Anyone who is interested in becoming part of our Victim Services Response Team or would like to attend any of our training sessions, please contact Leticia Trejo at (915) 564-7368.



### Disabled Parking Enforcement Program Expansion



The El Paso Police Department is striving to improve the quality of life for disabled citizens in the El Paso community. To help achieve this goal, the Police Department implemented the Disabled Parking Enforcement Program that allows community volunteers to become involved by enforcing disabled parking laws. Community volunteers are trained as to what the Disabled Parking Law pertains to and how it can be enforced. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of motorists who violate the State's Privileged Parking Statute and to ensure parking is accessible to authorized handicap drivers.

Due to the success of the volunteer Disabled Parking Enforcement Program, the El Paso Police Department has decided to expand disabled parking enforcement efforts to include the business community and the local area school districts, specifically security officers. The El Paso Police Department started conducting disabled parking enforcement-training sessions geared towards security officers in December 2004.

If you are interested in becoming a community volunteer or would like more information, please contact Marlo Tena at (915) 564-7349. Marlo is the Volunteer Program Coordinator, Elderly & Domestic Abuse Prevention Unit located at police headquarters.

## Multi-Agency Referral System (MARS) School Schedule, 2005

### EL PASO ISD

<b>Andress High</b> Library Conference Room	Mon. @ 1:30 p.m.	1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2	Deborah Lunow	832-8600/ 757-6443
<b>Austin High</b> Cafeteria Lounge	Tue. @ 9:00 a.m.	1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10	Robert Teran	587-2506/566-7360
<b>Bowie High</b> Library	Fri. @ 10:00 a.m.	1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13	Linda Romero	496-8200/532-1918
<b>Burges High</b> Conference	Wed. @ 10 a.m.	1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/13, 5/18	Martin Rivas	780-1100/771-6914
<b>Chapin High</b> Library Rm 151	Mon. @ 8:45 a.m.	1/10, 2/14, 3/14	Barbara Augustine	832-6730/565-9716
<b>Coronado High</b> Library	Mon. @ 10: a.m.	1/10, 2/14, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11	Deborah Jones	834-2476/587-6458
<b>El Paso High</b> Counseling Center	Wed. @ 10:00 a.m.	1/12, 2/9, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12	Pat Smelser	496-8300/532-2008
<b>Franklin High</b> Cafeteria Lounge	Wed. @ 10 a.m.	1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 5/18	Rita Aguilera	832-6600/587-4094
<b>Irvin High</b> Cafeteria Lounge	Fri. @ 9:00 a.m.	1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6	John Marestein	587-3500/757-6450
<b>Jefferson High</b> Room 231	Fri. @ 10:30 a.m.	1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6	Donna Rollins	496-8010/532-2033

### YSLETA ISD

<b>Bel Air High</b> Counselor's Rm.	Thur. @ 8:00 a.m.	1/20, 2/17, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19	Terry Randall	434-2042/434-2174
<b>Del Valle High</b> Library	Thurs. @ 9:00 a.m.	1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5	Martha Campos	434-3180/858-1427
<b>Eastwood High</b> Room 209	Wed. @ 1:00 p.m.	1/26, 2/23, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25	Rita Montoya	434-4291/598-8014
<b>Hanks High</b> Teachers' Conference Rm.	Tue. @ 9:00 a.m.	1/18, 2/15, 3/22, 4/19, 5/18	Lauren Williams	434-5188/598-4621
<b>Parkland High</b> Asst. Principal's Conference	Tue. @ 9:00 a.m.	1/11, 2/1, 3/1, 4/4, 5/2	Margarita Hernandez	434-6048/434-6291
<b>Riverside High (locations rotate)</b> Library	Tue. @ 10:30 a.m.	4/12 @ Riverside High 5/10 @ Ramona Elem.	Ofelia Gonzalez	434-7018/779-6983
<b>Ysleta High</b> Room 120	Wed. @ 8:30 a.m.	1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4	Liz Hernandez	434-8020/434-8026

### SOCORRO ISD

<b>Americas/Montwood High</b> Counselor's room	Wed. @ 2:00 p.m.	1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4	Nick Carey	937-2840/855-6898
<b>Socorro High</b> Library Classroom	Thur. @ 1:00 p.m.	1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5	Arlene Lira	937-2000/859-0206

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